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PLANARIZING PAD HAVING A FILM AND TEXTURE  
ELEMENTS FOR PLANARIZATION OF MICROELECTRONIC  
SUBSTRATES

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Dear Commissioner:

This paper responds to the Office Action in this patent application mailed July 3, 2002. Please reconsider the application in light of the following remarks.

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 24-54.

1. A method for forming a planarizing medium for planarizing a microelectronic substrate, comprising:  
separating a planarizing medium material into discrete elements;